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Dear Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on February 2, 2009.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 was amended to address a typographical error -- the phrase "half and hour" has been amended to "half an hour".

Claims 24-31 and 34 -41 have been canceled.

Specification Amendments

Please amend the specification in Tables 1-5, 7 and 8 to change the unit " $\times 10^5$ mol/cm³" to " $\times 10^{-5}$ mol/cm³" to correct a typographical error.

Specification Objections

The specification has been amended according to the Examiner's request in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. Accordingly, it is believed this objection has been addressed.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112

The Examiner rejected claim 1 as being indefinite regarding the term "half and hour". It is believed that the amendment effected in claim 1 renders the Examiner's objection moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102 / §103

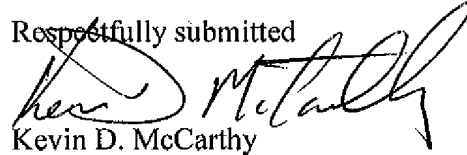
The Examiner rejects claims 24-31 and 34-41 as being anticipated or obvious over Kirchner et al. (EP1050548). Furthermore, the Examiner rejects claims 24-30, 34-38, 40 and 41 as being unpatentable over Bernhard Rustige GmbH (DE4402943).

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24-31 and 34-41 have been canceled, therefore rendering the Examiner's objections moot.

Conclusion

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully addressed, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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